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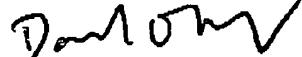
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: )  
Applicant: Riccardo LONATI )  
Ser. No.: 10/827,261 ) Group Art Unit: 3654  
Filed: April 20, 2004 ) Examiner: DONDERO, William E  
For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR )  
ADJUSTING THE GRAM FORCE ... )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir,

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136**

Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office action dated February 28, 2006 for two months from May 28, 2006 to July 28, 2006. Please charge the deposit account number 13-3860 of applicant's agent of record, in the amount of US\$ 450.00 (fee code 1252) to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above numbered deposit account.

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office action dated February 28, 2006, applicant submits the following Amendment for entry in the above-identified application.

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